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SUBJECT: CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE SYSTEM (CEPS) COST-
SHARING

REF: USNATO 4904

1. YOU MAY ACCEPT 24 PERCENT AS US SHARE ON CONDITIONS
OUTLINED IN SUMMARY OF REFTEL. YOU SHOULD STRIVE FOR
AN OCTOBER 1, 1974 IMPLEMENTATION OF 24 PERCENT US SHARE.
WHEN OTHERS (FRANCE, GERMANY) AGREE TO A REVISED COST
SHARING FORMULA EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1974, THE US WILL
MAKE PAYMENTS BASED ON OLD RATE. AS FALL-BACK POSITION,
IF NECESSARY TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT, WE WOULD BE PREPARED
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TO ACCEPT AS LATE AS JANUARY 1, 1975.

2. WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUED IMPOSITION OF FRENCH TAXES ON CEPS CIVIL REVENUE, AND POSSIBILITY OF OTHER NATIONS FOLLOWING FRENCH EXAMPLE, WHICH WOULD DEFEAT PURPOSE OF NEW FORMULA, I.E., REDUCTION OF US COSTS. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE TAXES IN THIS PROGRAM.

3. YOU SHOULD ENSURE THAT NO IMPRESSION IS CREATED WHICH MIGHT WEAKEN OUR POSITION RE INFRASTRUCTURE COST-SHARING FORMULA. INGERSOLL

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